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Re: U. S. Patent Application Ser. No. 09/978,454
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Please find attached Amendment & Response and Petition for Extension for Time relating to Office Action mailed 10/24/2002 in the above-referenced application.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed October 24, 2002.

Applicants hereby petition for a two-month extension of time in which to respond to the Office Action mailed on October 24, 2002. With the granting of the foregoing Petition, the time for responding to this Office Action is extended to include January 24, 2003. The Commissioner is hereby authorized

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